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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SUBJECT: VOLSPKR VICTOR RIESEL

1. NOTED COLUMNIST AND LECTURER ON LABOR AND POLITICAL
AFFAIRS VICTOR RIESEL VOLUNTEERS SERVICES AS SPEAKER DURING
FOLLOWING TRIP TO EUROPE:

JULY 19-24 VIENNA

24-30 BUDAPEST

31-AUGUST 5 WARSAW

5-11 LONDON

11-16 LISBON

2. HE HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED BY USIS POSTS; FOLLOWING ARE
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SOME COMMENTS RECEIVED:"FIRST RATE SPEAKER, PUNCHY AND

HARD-HITTING", "EFFECTIVE WITH SMALL GROUPS, IN SEMINARS, ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS", "BEST IN DISCUSSIONS RALTED POLITICAL ASPECTS U.S. LABOR".

3. WRITES FOR 357 DAILY NEWSPAPERS; FORMER PRESIDENT OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OF AMERICA AND NOW IT'S VICE PRESIDENT; VICE PRESIDENT ASSOC. OF RADIO AND TV ARTISTS; REGULAR BROADCASTER METROMEDIA TV ON CRIME, POLITICS AND LABOR, PRODUCER SPECIAL AWARD WINNING RADIO SHOW. SEE WHO'S WHO.

4. ALTHOUGH THIS IS PRIVATE TRIP AND HAS INTERESTS PURSUE OFFERS LECTURE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT TODAY, OR OTHER TOPICS, PARTICIPATE SEMINARS, HOLD SMALL ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS, MEET INDIVIDUALS OR WHATEVER POSTS WISH. FINDS INFORMAL SOCIAL TYPE OCCASIONS EXCELLENT FOR EXCHANGE VIEWS AND IDEAS.

5. WILL BE TRAVELING WITH WIFE. LAST SUMMER UNDERWENT EXPERIMENTAL SURGERY WHICH HE HOPES WILL RESTORE SIGHT LEFT EYE LOST WHEN ACID THROWN ON HIM BY GANGSTERS 1956.

6. SUGGEST COORDINATION WITH LABOR AND POLITICAL OFFICERS.

7. TERMS: SUGGEST PER DIEM FOR PROGRAM DAYS AND HONORARIUM FOR ANY LECTURE BE OFFERED.

8. ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER PLANNING PROGRAM. REQUEST POSTS EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES WHETHER PLANNING PROGRAM OR NOT.

9. WILL SEND FLIGHT ARRIVAL DATA WHEN AVAILABLE.

10. SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT YOU CAN PROGRAM RIESEL, BUT YOU MAY WISH TO MEET WITH HIM FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OR POSSIBLY BRING HIM TOGETHER WITH SMALL, CAREFULLY SELECTED GROUPS. DECONTROL SEPT. 1, 1974.
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